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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 20-22, 24, 25, and 27 have been rejected over prior art. The remaining claims under consideration have been rejected under 35 USC 112, for failure to recite that the coating is bilaminar, lubricious, and hydrophilic.

Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 20-22, 24, 25, and 27. Applicants have also cancelled Claims 10-19, drawn to a nonelected invention.

Applicants have amended the remaining claims so that they all require a bilaminar, lubricious, and hydrophilic coating. Applicants therefore submit that the rejection under Section 112 has been overcome.

Since Applicants have cancelled all claims rejected over prior art, no discussion of the prior art is believed necessary.

Applicants submit that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance, and request reconsideration and early favorable action by the Examiner.